

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully asks Examiner to please add Claims 21-35. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 have been amended. Claims 1-12, 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Claims 13-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds for rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-12, 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bapat et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,038,563). For the reasons set forth below, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that Bapat anticipates the elements of Claims 1 and 5 of the current application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 17 have been amended. However, Examiner should note that these Amendments are not related to patentability, but are being made simply to place the claims in proper form for allowance. No narrowing amendments have been made and no new matter has been added. Claim 1 sets forth a method for requesting a handle for a registry key to a calling process, requesting a registry key value for the handle, and obtaining security clearance to compete the requests, wherein at least one security clearance parameter is updated by a system command in association with one or more of the requests. The at least one security clearance parameter is updated by a system command so as to reestablish the security parameters of the registry based on the parameters' association with the requests (see, e.g., page 5, lines 6-12; page 6, lines 3-5). In contrast, Bapat discloses a method for providing direct SQL-type access to a managed object database for the purposes of report generation. In particular, Bapat discloses a

method for generating network management reports while avoiding the complexities of network management information retrieval (i.e., network security protocols). Bapat requires a user with sufficient security clearance to program any updates of the permissions tables for a managed object, attribute value, rule, user or group of users (see, e.g., col. 26, lines 17-48; col. 30, line 26- col. 31, line 16; see also fig. 16D). Bapat discloses no other means for regulating the permissions tables. This is not what Applicant has claimed. Therefore, Bapat cannot anticipate claim 1.

For the reasons cited above with respect to claim 1, the grounds for rejection for claims 2-12, 17-20 are also respectfully traversed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bapat. For the reasons set forth below, this ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action alleges that Bapat discloses claims 13-16 except for the machine-readable medium. Claim 13 has been amended. However, Examiner should note that this Amendment is not related to patentability, but is being made simply to place the claim in proper form for allowance. No narrowing amendments have been made and no new matter has been added.

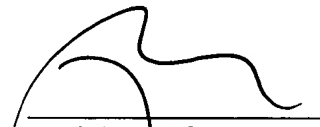
As discussed above, Bapat is clearly distinguishable from the current application. Further, Bapat does not disclose or suggest a computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions for implementing the invention. In fact, the invention is described only in relation to being implemented on a server or plurality of servers (col. 6, lines 29-34), which

would be contrary to implementing the invention on a portable computer readable medium (e.g., a floppy disk or a CD-ROM) as the Office Action suggests. Therefore, it would not be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the methods in Bapat on a computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions. As such, claims 13-16 cannot be rendered unpatentable in light of Bapat.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

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